

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3131 - SB 3340

February 7, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the prohibition on the use of cable snare traps in any county located in the Eastern Grand Division of Tennessee as defined in Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-1-202 and Dyer County.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Decrease State Revenue – Not Significant/Wildlife Resources
Fund**

**Decrease State Expenditures – Not Significant/Wildlife
Resources Fund**

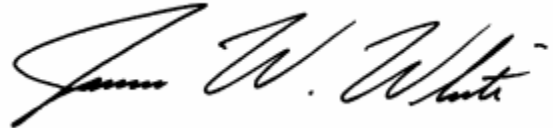
**Decrease Local Revenue – Not Significant
Decrease Local Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- 12 out of the 33 counties in the Eastern Grand Division of Tennessee are already exempt from such regulation under current law. The remaining 21 counties plus Dyer County would be exempt under the provisions of the bill.
- Violations of the cable snare prohibition are punishable as a Class C misdemeanor.
- Few misdemeanor convictions for such violations occur under current law.
- Any decrease in state expenditures due to not enforcing the cable snare prohibition in these counties is estimated to be not significant.
- A small decrease in cases in the court system, which will result in decreased expenditures for state and local governments for processing the cases and decreased revenue from the decreased collection of fees taxes and costs.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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